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With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
HOW DID HE COME HERE? WHAT WAS HIS MISSION ON OUR PLANET? HE HIMSELF WAS NOT CERTAIN -- AND YET, TO OVERCOME HIM, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIRST HAD TO RESTORE THE MEMORY OF..
the MARTIAN from GOTHAM CITY
HA, HA! OUR MARTIAN PAL HAS BATMAN AND ROBIN HELPLESS WITH HIS HOOP-THROWING GADGET!

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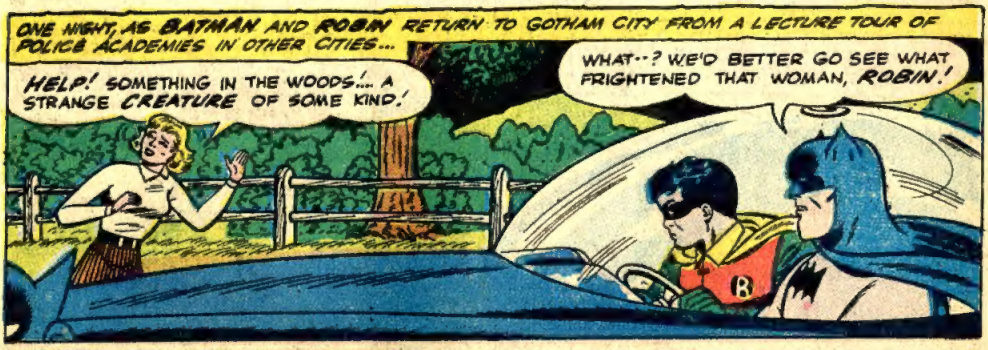
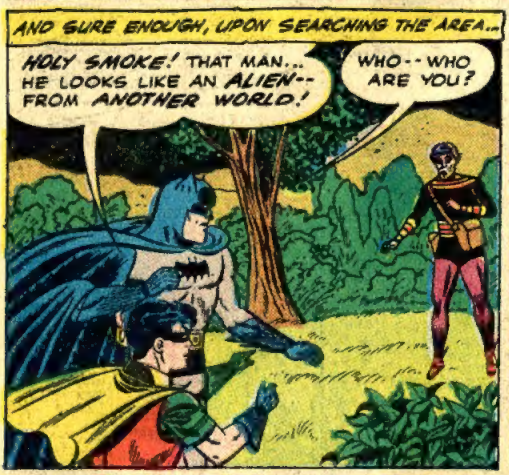
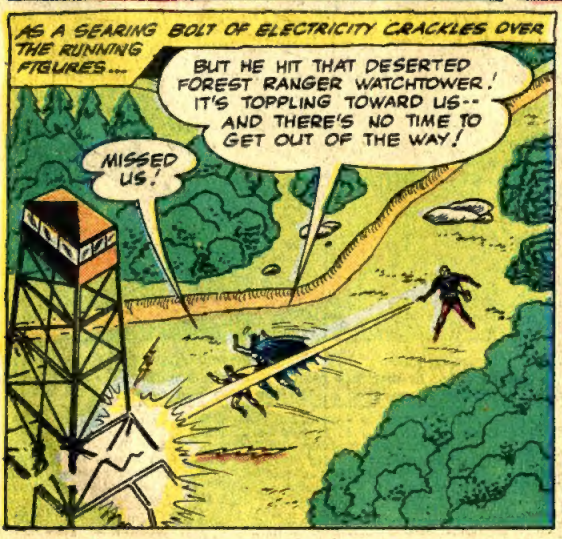
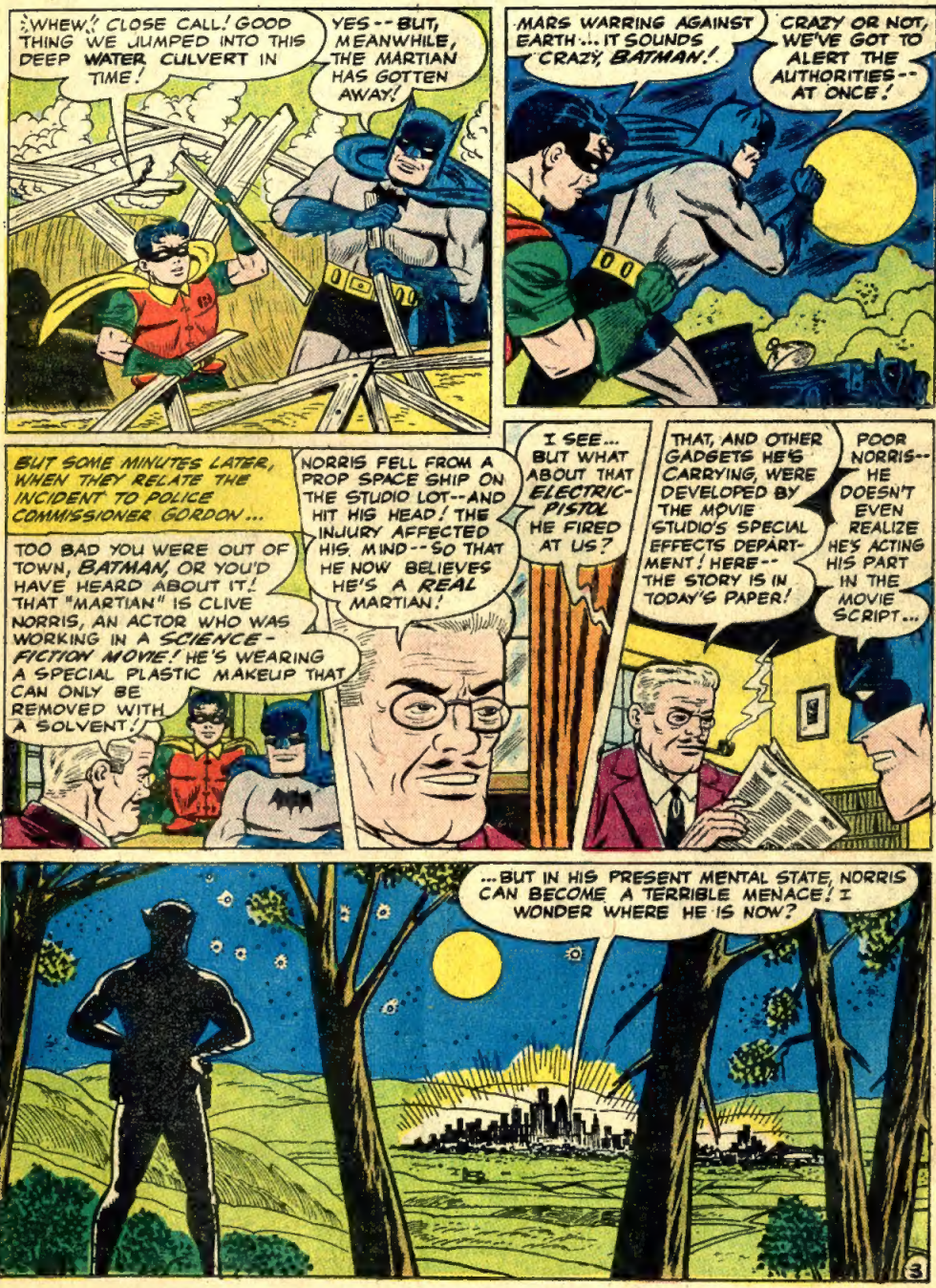

ONE NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO GOTHAM CITY FROM A LECTURE TOUR OF POLICE ACADEMIES IN OTHER CITIES...
HELP! SOMETHING IN THE WOODS!... A STRANGE CREATURE OF SOME KIND!
WHAT--? WE'D BETTER GO SEE WHAT FRIGHTENED THAT WOMAN, ROBIN!

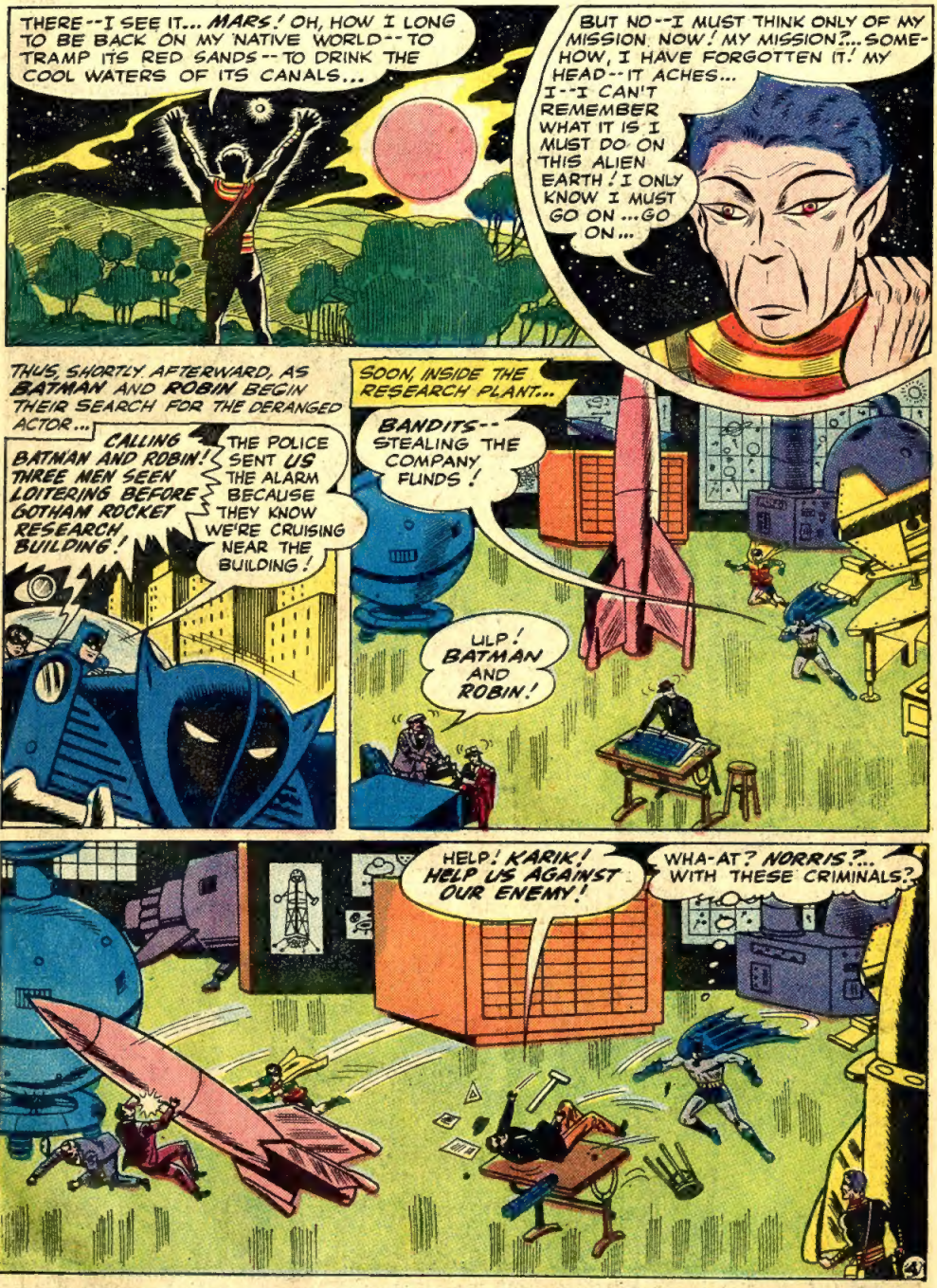

AND SURE ENOUGH, UPON SEARCHING THE AREA...
HOLY SMOKE! THAT MAN... HE LOOKS LIKE AN ALIEN-- FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
WHO--WHO ARE YOU?

I AM KARIK--FROM THE PLANET MARS! I AM HERE ON A MISSION--AND YOU SHALL NOT STOP ME! MARS IS AT WAR WITH EARTH... ALL EARTHMEN ARE MY ENEMIES!
HE'S DRAWING SOME KIND OF WEAPON! GET BACK!


AS A SEARING BOLT OF ELECTRICITY CRACKLES OVER THE RUNNING FIGURES...
BUT HE HIT THAT DESERTED FOREST RANGER WATCHTOWER! IT'S TOPPLING TOWARD US-- AND THERE'S NO TIME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!
MISSED US!

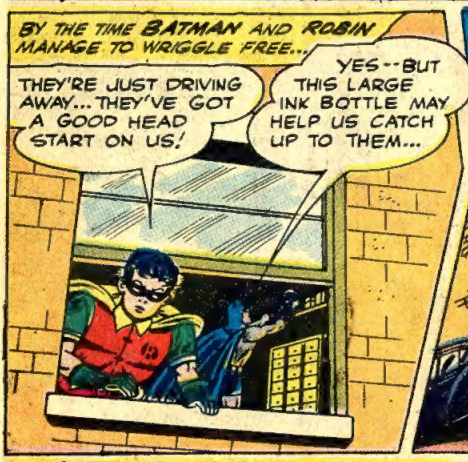
CRASH!

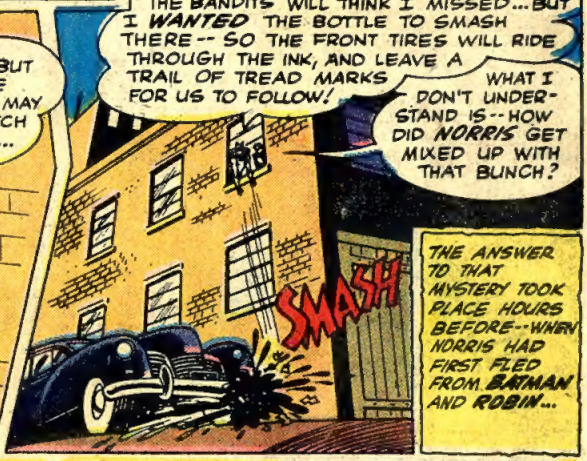

WHEW! CLOSE CALL! GOOD THING WE JUMPED INTO THIS DEEP WATER CULVERT IN TIME!
YES -- BUT, MEANWHILE, THE MARTIAN HAS GOTTEN AWAY!
MARS WARRING AGAINST EARTH ... IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BATMAN!
CRAZY OR NOT, WE'VE GOT TO ALERT THE AUTHORITIES -- AT ONCE!
BUT SOME MINUTES LATER, WHEN THEY RELATE THE INCIDENT TO POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON ...
TOO BAD YOU WERE OUT OF TOWN, BATMAN, OR YOU'D HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT! THAT "MARTIAN" IS CLIVE NORRIS, AN ACTOR WHO WAS WORKING IN A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE! HE'S WEARING A SPECIAL PLASTIC MAKEUP THAT CAN ONLY BE REMOVED WITH A SOLVENT!
NORRIS FELL FROM A PROP SPACE SHIP ON THE STUDIO LOT -- AND HIT HIS HEAD! THE INJURY AFFECTED HIS MIND -- SO THAT HE NOW BELIEVES HE'S A REAL MARTIAN!
I SEE ... BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT ELECTRIC-PISTOL HE FIRED AT US?
THAT, AND OTHER GADGETS HE'S CARRYING, WERE DEVELOPED BY THE MOVIE STUDIO'S SPECIAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT! HERE -- THE STORY IS IN TODAY'S PAPER!
POOR NORRIS -- HE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE HE'S ACTING HIS PART IN THE MOVIE SCRIPT ...
... BUT IN HIS PRESENT MENTAL STATE, NORRIS CAN BECOME A TERRIBLE MENACE! I WONDER WHERE HE IS NOW?


THERE--I SEE IT... MARS! OH, HOW I LONG TO BE BACK ON MY NATIVE WORLD--TO TRAMP ITS RED SANDS--TO DRINK THE COOL WATERS OF ITS CANALS...
BUT NO--I MUST THINK ONLY OF MY MISSION NOW! MY MISSION?... SOMEHOW, I HAVE FORGOTTEN IT! MY HEAD--IT ACHES... I--I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS I MUST DO ON THIS ALIEN EARTH! I ONLY KNOW I MUST GO ON ...GO ON...
THUS, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN BEGIN THEIR SEARCH FOR THE DERANGED ACTOR...
CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN! THREE MEN SEEN LOITERING BEFORE GOTHAM ROCKET RESEARCH BUILDING!
THE POLICE SENT US THE ALARM BECAUSE THEY KNOW WE'RE CRUISING NEAR THE BUILDING!
SOON, INSIDE THE RESEARCH PLANT...
BANDITS--STEALING THE COMPANY FUNDS!
ULP! BATMAN AND ROBIN!
HELP! KARIK! HELP US AGAINST OUR ENEMY!
WHA-AT? NORRIS?... WITH THESE CRIMINALS?

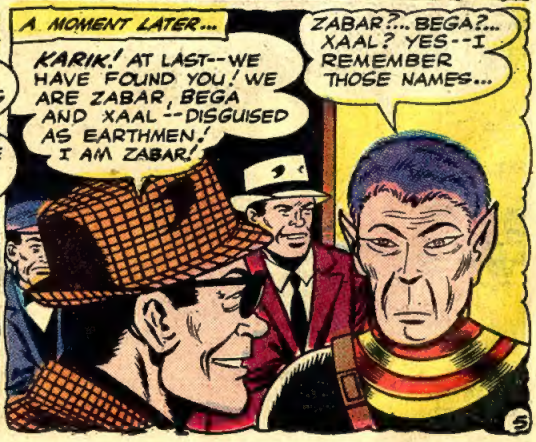
FROM HIS PACK, THE "MARTIAN" WITHDRAWS...
ANOTHER GADGET INVENTED BY THE STUDIO SPECIAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT! THIS ONE IS SHOOTING OUT PLASTIC HOOPS THAT ARE PINIONING US!

NICE WORK, KARIK! THAT WILL HOLD THEM LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO MAKE OUR GETAWAY... HA, HA!


BY THE TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN MANAGE TO WRIGGLE FREE...
THEY'RE JUST DRIVING AWAY... THEY'VE GOT A GOOD HEAD START ON US!
YES--BUT THIS LARGE INK BOTTLE MAY HELP US CATCH UP TO THEM...

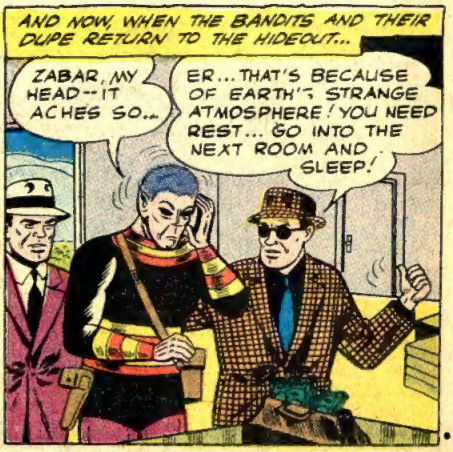

THE BANDITS WILL THINK I MISSED... BUT I WANTED THE BOTTLE TO SMASH THERE -- SO THE FRONT TIRES WILL RIDE THROUGH THE INK, AND LEAVE A TRAIL OF TREAD MARKS FOR US TO FOLLOW!
WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS--HOW DID NORRIS GET MIXED UP WITH THAT BUNCH?
SMASH
THE ANSWER TO THAT MYSTERY TOOK PLACE HOURS BEFORE--WHEN NORRIS HAD FIRST FLED FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WANDERING ON, HE WAS NOTICED BY THREE CRIMINALS IN THEIR HIDEOUT--A DESERTED AIRCRAFT PLANT...
LOOK!... IT'S THAT ACTOR WE JUST READ ABOUT!
HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! ACCORDING TO THE PAPERS, THE NAMES OF OTHER "MARTIANS" IN THE MOVIE SCRIPT WERE ZABAR, BEGA, AND XAAL...

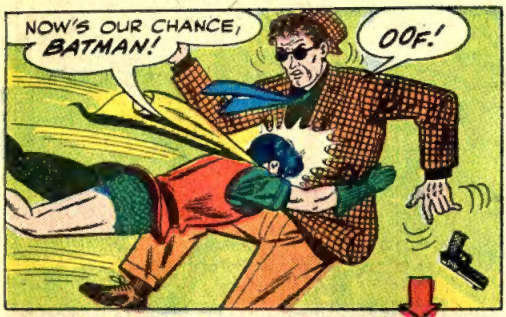

A MOMENT LATER...
KARIK! AT LAST--WE HAVE FOUND YOU! WE ARE ZABAR, BEGA AND XAAL--DISGUISED AS EARTHMEN! I AM ZABAR!
ZABAR?... BEGA?... XAAL? YES--I REMEMBER THOSE NAMES...

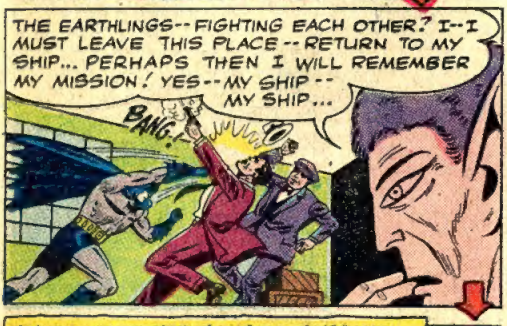
AFTER LEADING THE HAPLESS ACTOR INSIDE...
OUR SPACE SHIP IS HIDDEN NEARBY--BUT WE CANNOT RETURN TO MARS UNTIL WE STEAL SOME SECRET PLANS FROM EARTH! YOUR MISSION IS TO HELP US FIGHT EARTHLINGS WHO TRY TO INTERFERE!
SO--THAT IS MY MISSION! I HAD FORGOTTEN IT--I HAVE BEEN SO CONFUSED LATELY...

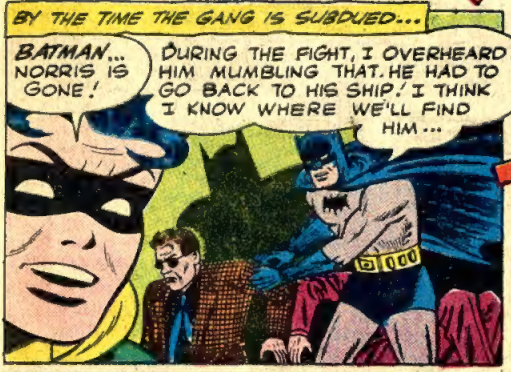
SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT THE BEWILDERED NORRIS WAS TRICKED INTO HELPING CUNNING CRIMINALS...

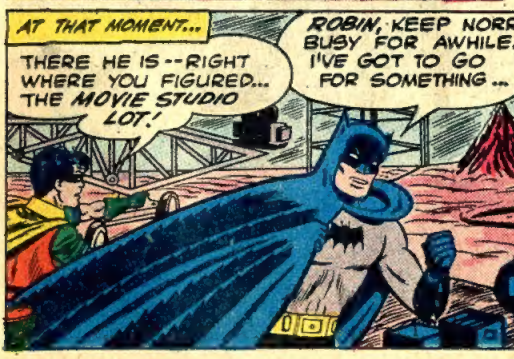

AND NOW, WHEN THE BANDITS AND THEIR DUPE RETURN TO THE HIDEOUT...
ZABAR, MY HEAD--IT ACHES SO...
ER...THAT'S BECAUSE OF EARTH'S STRANGE ATMOSPHERE! YOU NEED REST... GO INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND SLEEP!

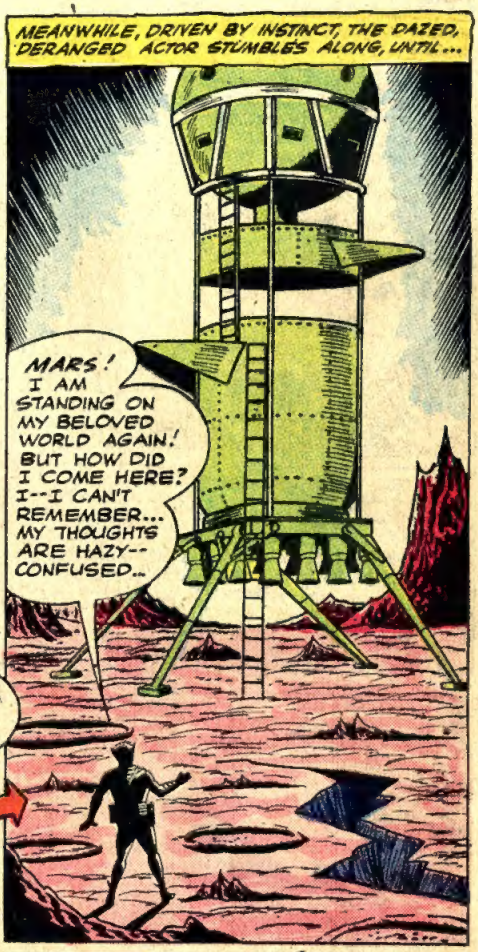
AS NORRIS MEEKLY OBEYS...
LOGAN, YOU'RE A GREAT ACTOR! YOU'VE GOT "KARIK" BELIEVING YOU'RE HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER FROM MARS!
SURE...WITH HIM AROUND TO KAYO LAWMEN, WE'LL DO OKAY!

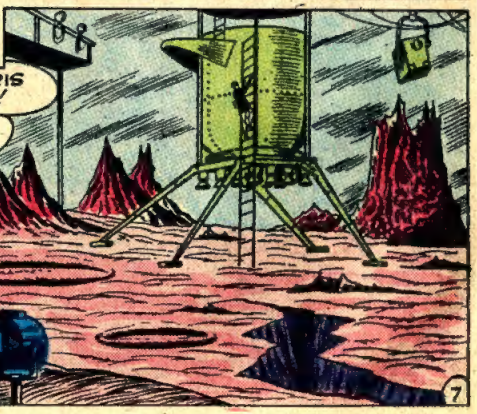

NOW'S OUR CHANCE, BATMAN!
OOF!

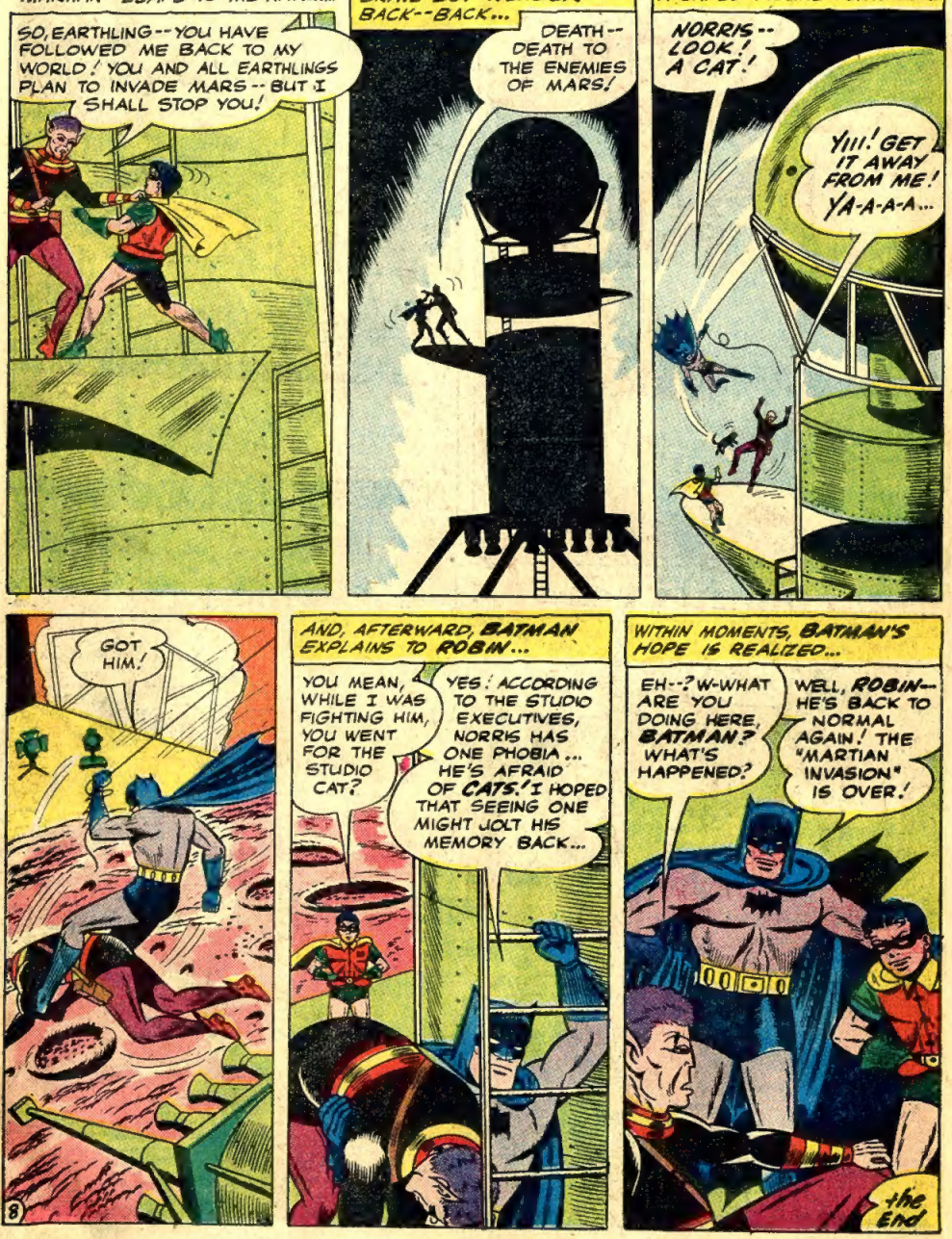

THE EARTHLINGS--FIGHTING EACH OTHER? I--I MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE--RETURN TO MY SHIP... PERHAPS THEN I WILL REMEMBER MY MISSION! YES--MY SHIP--MY SHIP...
BANG!


BY THE TIME THE GANG IS SUBDUED...
BATMAN... NORRIS IS GONE!
DURING THE FIGHT, I OVERHEARD HIM MUMBLING THAT HE HAD TO GO BACK TO HIS SHIP! I THINK I KNOW WHERE WE'LL FIND HIM...


AT THAT MOMENT...
THERE HE IS--RIGHT WHERE YOU FIGURED... THE MOVIE STUDIO LOT!
ROBIN, KEEP NORRIS BUSY FOR AWHILE! I'VE GOT TO GO FOR SOMETHING...


MEANWHILE, DRIVEN BY INSTINCT, THE DAZED, DERANGED ACTOR STUMBLES ALONG, UNTIL...
MARS! I AM STANDING ON MY BELOVED WORLD AGAIN! BUT HOW DID I COME HERE? I--I CAN'T REMEMBER... MY THOUGHTS ARE HAZY--CONFUSED...




AS ROBIN SCALES THE PROP SPACE SHIP'S LADDER, THE "MARTIAN" LEAPS TO THE ATTACK..
SO, EARTHLING -- YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME BACK TO MY WORLD! YOU AND ALL EARTHLINGS PLAN TO INVADE MARS -- BUT I SHALL STOP YOU!
WITH A MADMAN'S STRENGTH, THE ACTOR FORCES THE BRAVE BOY WONDER BACK -- BACK...
DEATH -- DEATH TO THE ENEMIES OF MARS!
BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT... AS THE BAT-ROPE CARRIES A CAPED FIGURE FORWARD...
NORRIS -- LOOK! A CAT!
YIII! GET IT AWAY FROM ME! YA-A-A-A...
GOT HIM!
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AND, AFTERWARD, BATMAN EXPLAINS TO ROBIN...
YOU MEAN, WHILE I WAS FIGHTING HIM, YOU WENT FOR THE STUDIO CAT?
YES! ACCORDING TO THE STUDIO EXECUTIVES, NORRIS HAS ONE PHOBIA... HE'S AFRAID OF CATS.' I HOPED THAT SEEING ONE MIGHT JOLT HIS MEMORY BACK...
WITHIN MOMENTS, BATMAN'S HOPE IS REALIZED...
EH--? W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BATMAN? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
WELL, ROBIN -- HE'S BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! THE "MARTIAN INVASION" IS OVER!
the End

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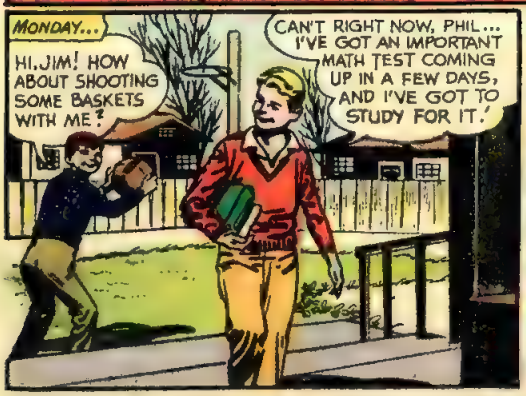
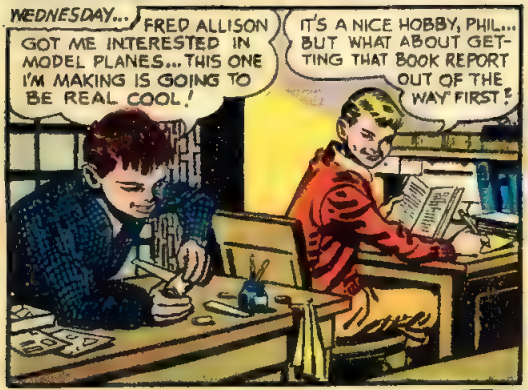
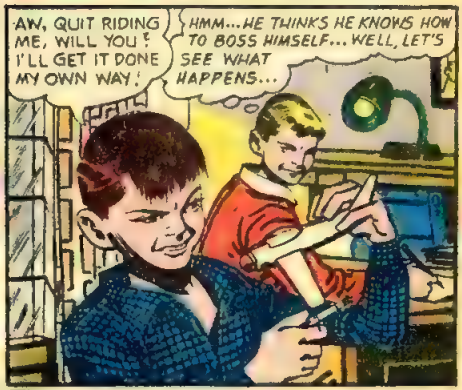

MONDAY...
HI, JIM! HOW ABOUT SHOOTING SOME BASKETS WITH ME?
CAN'T RIGHT NOW, PHIL... I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MATH TEST COMING UP IN A FEW DAYS, AND I'VE GOT TO STUDY FOR IT!


WEDNESDAY...
FRED ALLISON GOT ME INTERESTED IN MODEL PLANES... THIS ONE I'M MAKING IS GOING TO BE REAL COOL!
IT'S A NICE HOBBY, PHIL... BUT WHAT ABOUT GETTING THAT BOOK REPORT OUT OF THE WAY FIRST?



THURSDAY...
HEY, PHIL, FRED ALLISON WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU CAN GO TO A MODEL PLANE SHOW TONIGHT. HIS FOLKS HAVE AN EXTRA TICKET.
WOW! SURE, I'LL--

LATER...
IT'S MY OWN FAULT! I COULD HAVE GONE IF I'D DONE IT EARLIER INSTEAD OF AT THE LAST MINUTE.
YES, PHIL... IF YOU WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS, YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR TIME. SO YOU CAN DO THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO!

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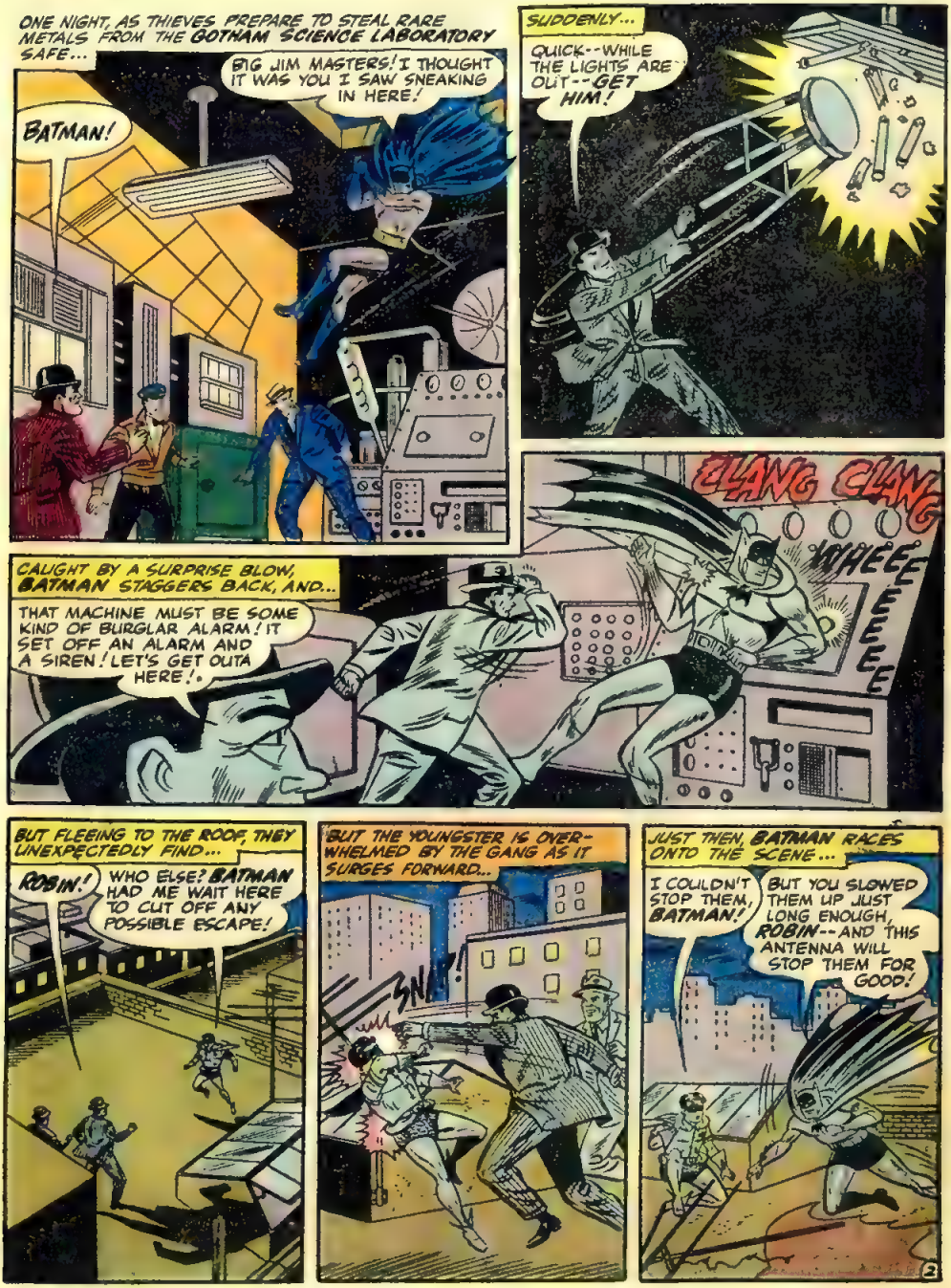
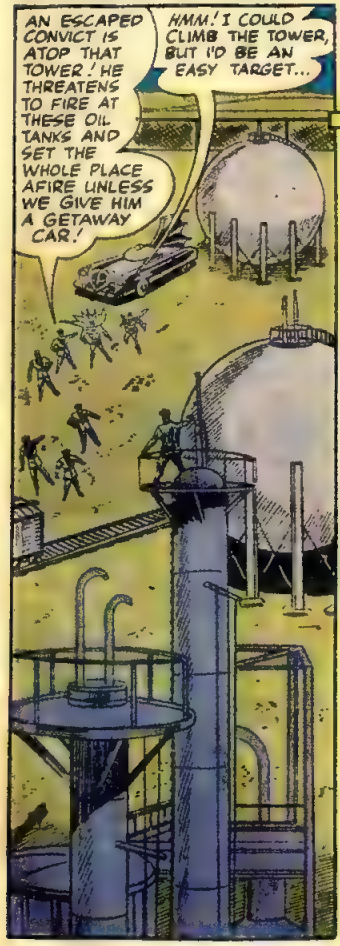
WARDEN WILLIS
I HOPE YOU LIKE WORKING HERE AS A GUARD. YOU WILL TAKE YOUR POSITION BY THE MAIN GATE. YOUR FORMER EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE HELPFUL!
HENRY BOLTINOFF
LATER
WELL, I'M GETTING OUT AFTER FIVE YEARS!
SO LONG!
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU WORK BEFORE YOU BECAME A PRISON GUARD?
IN A DEPARTMENT STORE!
WELL, UP HERE WHEN A PRISONER LEAVES, YOU DON'T SAY "THANK YOU, CALL AGAIN!"
END

BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN BEING AS RECKLESS AS A THOUGHTLESS YOUNGSTER? CAN YOU ALSO IMAGINE HIM BEING A COWARD? HARD TO BELIEVE, ISN'T IT, BUT YOU'LL SEE THE STRANGE CHANGES IN HIS CHARACTER WHEN YOU READ...
the THREE FACES of BATMAN
BOB KANE
PLEASE -- PLEASE DON'T LET THEM HIT ME! I--I CAN'T STAND PAIN!
HA, HA! LOOK AT HIM, BOYS -- LOOK AT THE MIGHTY BATMAN CRINGE!


ONE NIGHT, AS THIEVES PREPARE TO STEAL RARE METALS FROM THE GOTHAM SCIENCE LABORATORY SAFE...
BIG JIM MASTERS! I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU I SAW SNEAKING IN HERE!
BATMAN!
SUDDENLY...
QUICK--WHILE THE LIGHTS ARE OUT--GET HIM!
CLANG CLANG
WHEEEEEEE
CAUGHT BY A SURPRISE BLOW, BATMAN STAGGERS BACK, AND...
THAT MACHINE MUST BE SOME KIND OF BURGLAR ALARM! IT SET OFF AN ALARM AND A SIREN! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
BUT FLEEING TO THE ROOF, THEY UNEXPECTEDLY FIND...
ROBIN!
WHO ELSE? BATMAN HAD ME WAIT HERE TO CUT OFF ANY POSSIBLE ESCAPE!
BUT THE YOUNGSTER IS OVER-WHELMED BY THE GANG AS IT SURGES FORWARD...
SN
JUST THEN, BATMAN RACES ONTO THE SCENE...
I COULDN'T STOP THEM, BATMAN!
BUT YOU SLOWED THEM UP JUST LONG ENOUGH, ROBIN--AND THIS ANTENNA WILL STOP THEM FOR GOOD!

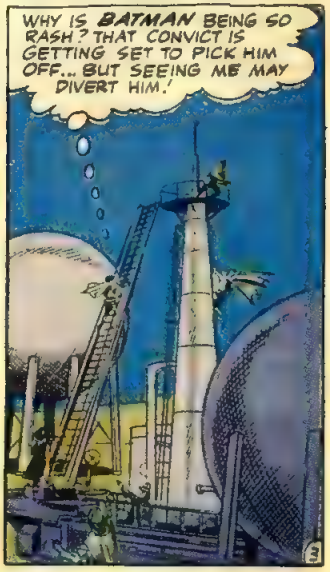
THE NEXT NIGHT, AN URGENT SUMMONS BRINGS THE PAIR TO THE **GOTHAM OIL FIELD**...

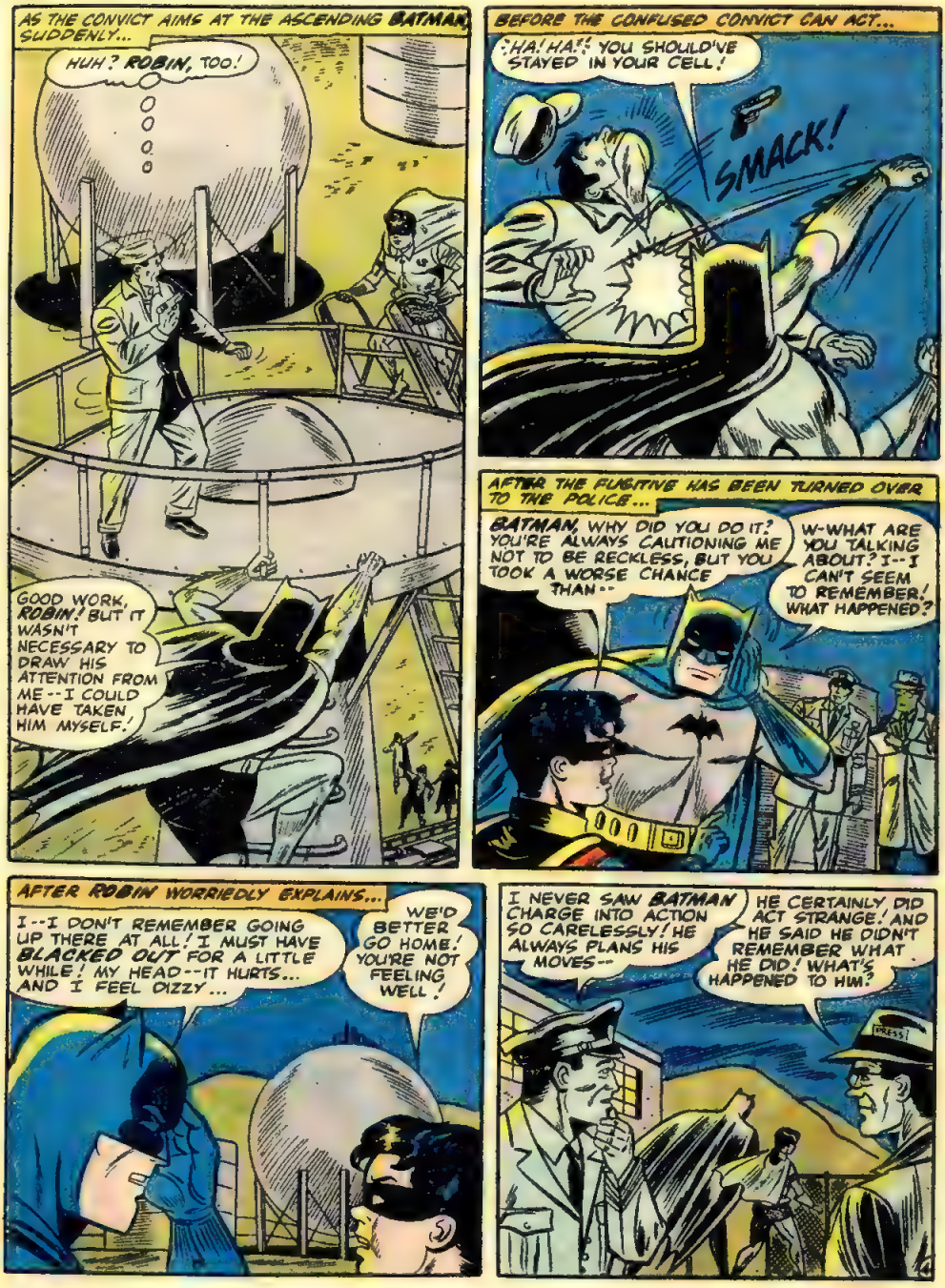

AN ESCAPED CONVICT IS ATOP THAT TOWER! HE THREATENS TO FIRE AT THESE OIL TANKS AND SET THE WHOLE PLACE AFIRE UNLESS WE GIVE HIM A GETAWAY CAR!
HMM! I COULD CLIMB THE TOWER, BUT I'D BE AN EASY TARGET...

AS SHRILL BELLS HERALD THE ARRIVAL OF FIRE TRUCKS...

SUDDENLY **BATMAN** UTTERS A RECKLESS LAUGH, AND...

BUT AS **BATMAN** IGNORES HIS WARNING, **ROBIN** ACTS SWIFTLY..




AS THE CONVICT AIMS AT THE ASCENDING BATMAN, SUDDENLY...
HUH? ROBIN, TOO!
GOOD WORK, ROBIN! BUT IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION FROM ME--I COULD HAVE TAKEN HIM MYSELF!
BEFORE THE CONFUSED CONVICT CAN ACT...
:HA! HA!: YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED IN YOUR CELL!
SMACK!
AFTER THE FUGITIVE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE...
BATMAN, WHY DID YOU DO IT? YOU'RE ALWAYS CAUTIONING ME NOT TO BE RECKLESS, BUT YOU TOOK A WORSE CHANCE THAN--
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I--I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER! WHAT HAPPENED?
AFTER ROBIN WORRIEDLY EXPLAINS...
I--I DON'T REMEMBER GOING UP THERE AT ALL! I MUST HAVE BLACKED OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE! MY HEAD--IT HURTS... AND I FEEL DIZZY...
WE'D BETTER GO HOME! YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL!
I NEVER SAW BATMAN CHARGE INTO ACTION SO CARELESSLY! HE ALWAYS PLANS HIS MOVES--
HE CERTAINLY DID ACT STRANGE! AND HE SAID HE DIDN'T REMEMBER WHAT HE DID! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
PRESS

BUT THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, BATMAN IS IN FULL CONTROL OF HIMSELF AS HE AND ROBIN PATROL THE SKY WHEN...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! HEADQUARTERS IS PAGING US!
I'LL SWITCH ON THE RADIO TO THE POLICE WAVE LENGTH TO SEE WHAT'S UP!
SHORTLY, AT GOTHAM AIRPORT...
THE PILOT CAN'T LAND THAT PASSENGER PLANE BECAUSE ONE WHEEL IS STUCK! HE'S BEEN CIRCLING THE FIELD BUT IS RUNNING OUT OF FUEL! WE THOUGHT, YOU MIGHT STAND ON THE BAT-PLANE WHILE IT FLIES DIRECTLY UNDER THE AIRLINER--AND TUG THE WHEEL LOOSE!
IT'LL BE TRICKY--BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY!
SOON, AFTER EQUIPPING HIMSELF WITH AN AMPLIFIER...
WOW! THAT TAKES NERVE!
THERE'S NOBODY BRAVER THAN BATMAN!
BATMAN TO PILOT! KEEP YOUR SHIP STEADY! ROBIN IS MANEUVERING THE BAT-PLANE DIRECTLY UNDER YOU...
ABRUPTLY, AS A SIREN SHRILLS A WARNING TO THE CROWD TO CLEAR THE FIELD, BATMAN'S FEATURES BEGIN TO ALTER...
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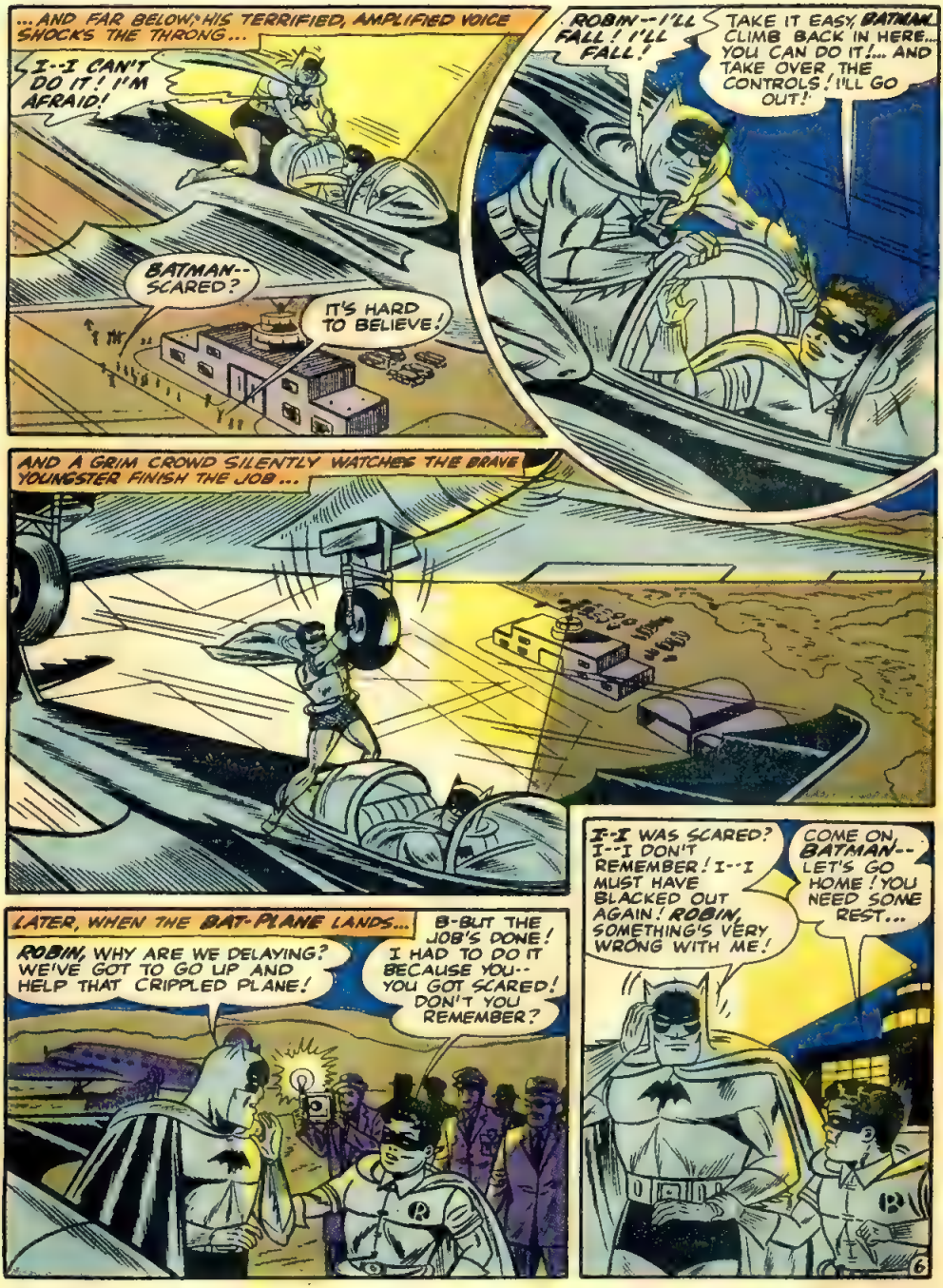
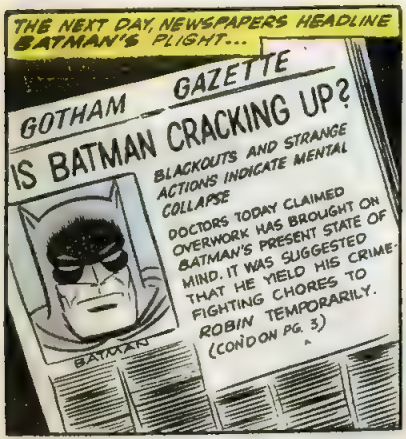

...AND FAR BELOW, HIS TERRIFIED, AMPLIFIED VOICE SHOCKS THE THRONG...
I--I CAN'T DO IT! I'M AFRAID!
BATMAN--SCARED?
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE!
ROBIN--I'LL FALL! I'LL FALL!
TAKE IT EASY, BATMAN. CLIMB BACK IN HERE... YOU CAN DO IT!... AND TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS! I'LL GO OUT!
AND A GRIM CROWD SILENTLY WATCHES THE BRAVE YOUNGSTER FINISH THE JOB...
LATER, WHEN THE BAT-PLANE LANDS...
ROBIN, WHY ARE WE DELAYING? WE'VE GOT TO GO UP AND HELP THAT CRIPPLED PLANE!
B-BUT THE JOB'S DONE! I HAD TO DO IT BECAUSE YOU--YOU GOT SCARED! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
I-I WAS SCARED? I--I DON'T REMEMBER! I--I MUST HAVE BLACKED OUT AGAIN! ROBIN, SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG WITH ME!
COME ON, BATMAN--LET'S GO HOME! YOU NEED SOME REST...


THE NEXT DAY, NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE BATMAN'S PLIGHT...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
IS BATMAN CRACKING UP?
BLACKOUTS AND STRANGE ACTIONS INDICATE MENTAL COLLAPSE
DOCTORS TODAY CLAIMED OVERWORK HAS BROUGHT ON BATMAN'S PRESENT STATE OF MIND. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HE YIELD HIS CRIME-FIGHTING CHORES TO ROBIN TEMPORARILY.
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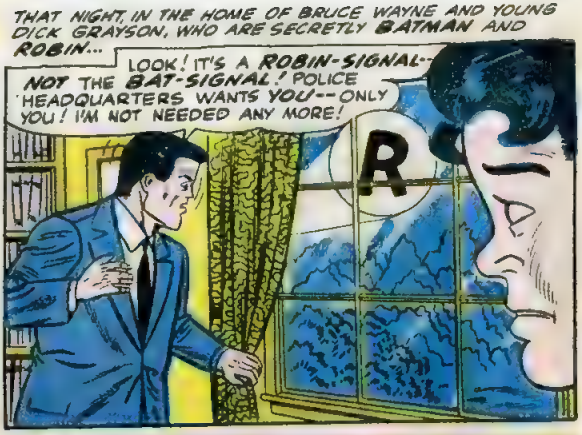
BATMAN


THAT NIGHT, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...
LOOK! IT'S A ROBIN-SIGNAL--NOT THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE HEADQUARTERS WANTS YOU--ONLY YOU! I'M NOT NEEDED ANY MORE!
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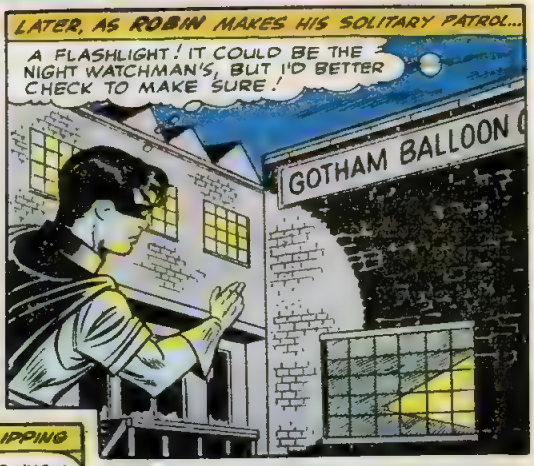
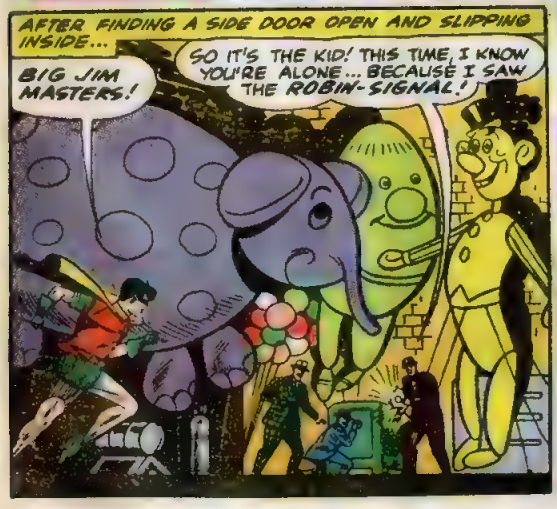
YES, YOU ARE--BUT RIGHT NOW POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS YOU TO REST--SO YOU CAN GET WELL AGAIN SOON...
I--I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME LATELY...


LATER, AS ROBIN MAKES HIS SOLITARY PATROL...
A FLASHLIGHT! IT COULD BE THE NIGHT WATCHMAN'S, BUT I'D BETTER CHECK TO MAKE SURE!
GOTHAM BALLOON


AFTER FINDING A SIDE DOOR OPEN AND SLIPPING INSIDE...
BIG JIM MASTERS!
SO IT'S THE KID! THIS TIME, I KNOW YOU'RE ALONE... BECAUSE I SAW THE ROBIN-SIGNAL!

YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE, TAKING ON THREE MEN! RUSH HIM, BOYS!
UH-OH--LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT A TOUGH FIGHT AT THE GOTHAM BALLOON COMPANY!

BUT ROBIN'S DETERMINATION IS NOT ENOUGH, AND THE VALIANT BATTLE HE PUTS UP COMES TO A SWIFT HALT...
OKAY.. HE'S HAD IT!
YEAH-- BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW IT BUT I DID HIM A FAVOR WHEN HE SURPRISED US AT THE GOTHAM SCIENCE LAB!
IN PLANNING THAT JOB, I HAD TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THE LAB! I FOUND OUT A SCIENTIST THERE IS EXPERIMENTING WITH A MACHINE THAT CAN TEMPORARILY CHANGE A MAN'S PERSONALITY!
LATER, WHEN HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
SO THIS IS HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET RID OF ME--BY SENDING ME UP IN A HELIUM-FILLED BALLOON! WELL, AT LEAST BATMAN IS SAFE!
BY PRESSING ONE BUTTON, AN INVISIBLE RAY FLOODS THE SUBJECT, AND A BELL RINGS, WHICH MAKES HIM TEMPORARILY RECKLESS WHEN HE HEARS A BELL AGAIN! A SECOND BUTTON RELEASES ANOTHER RAY AND A SIREN THAT MAKES THE SUBJECT COWARDLY WHEN HE HEARS A SIREN AGAIN!
DURING THE FIGHT, BATMAN MUST'VE FALLEN AGAINST BOTH BUTTONS!
EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY WHEN HE HEARD A FIRE BELL AT THE OIL FIELD, HE BECAME RECKLESS--AND A COWARD WHEN THE AIRFIELD SIREN BLEW! TOO BAD YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO TELL HIM!
TELL ME WHAT, MASTERS?
BATMAN? I SUSPECTED YOU'D COME OUT OF HIDING, SO I CAME PREPARED! NOW, LISTEN TO THIS!
WHEEEE

INSTANTLY, BATMAN REACTS...
OH--PLEASE, MASTERS--DON'T LET THEM HIT ME! I--I CAN'T STAND PAIN!
LOOK AT HIM, MEN--LOOK AT THE GREAT AND FEARLESS BATMAN CRINGING! HAW! HAW!
I HOPED YOU'D FALL FOR MY ACT, PRETENDING TO BE AFRAID, SO I COULD GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO SOCK YOU BEFORE YOU COULD SLASH THAT ROPE! NOW HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT'LL MAKE YOU FALL!
HAPPILY, ROBIN WATCHES HIS ALLY BOUND INTO CHARACTERISTIC ACTION...
ATTABOY, BATMAN! NOW IT'S THEIR TURN TO HEAR BELLS RINGING!
AND AS THE POLICE TAKE AWAY THE TRIO...
WHEN HIS MEN JUMPED ME, MASTERS DIDN'T NOTICE I TURNED ON MY BELT RADIO! I HOPED YOU'D HEAR ME!
I DID--ON MY OWN BELT RADIO, TELLING ME WHERE YOU WERE, SO I SPED RIGHT OVER HERE FROM THE GOTHAM SCIENCE LAB...
WHEN I RECALLED MY STRANGE BEHAVIOR STARTED AFTER THE FIGHT AT THE LAB, I INVESTIGATED--LEARNED FROM THE SCIENTIST THERE WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND HAD HIM USE HIS MACHINE TO CURE ME!
FOR AWHILE, YOU WERE THREE DIFFERENT BATMEN--BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE ONLY ONE BATMAN AGAIN!
THE END

BE MY GUEST
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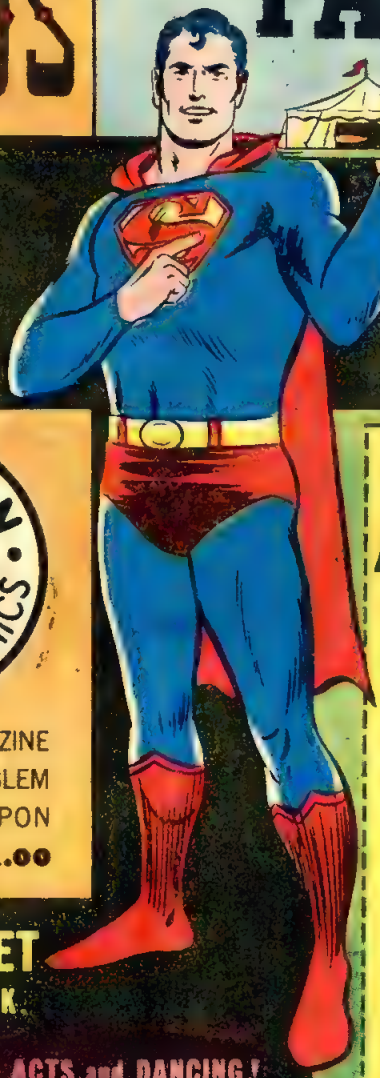

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Dear Editor:

Alfred, Bruce Wayne's trusted butler, knows the secret identities of BATMAN and ROBIN. Does he also know SUPERMAN'S secret identity? Steven Fritz, Revere, Mass.

(Alfred does not know SUPERMAN'S secret identity.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

BATWOMAN and BAT-MITE are two of my favorite characters. How about another story featuring the both of them in a single adventure? Elsie Kilroy, Galveston, Tex.

(We're planning just such an adventure in the next issue of BATMAN COMICS—AUGUST, No. 133—where you'll see how BAT-MITE becomes "BATWOMAN'S PUBLICITY AGENT."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Occasionally, you show BATMAN and ROBIN tracking down crooks by analyzing grains of soil scraped from their shoes or dropped from their trouser cuffs. How is this possible? Abram Hanson, Dubuque, Iowa

(Soils differ from one locale to another, depending on their moisture, their acid content, and many other factors. By subjecting the grains of a particular soil to chemical tests, in the BAT-CAVE'S CRIME LABORATORY, BATMAN and ROBIN can determine its exact makeup. Then, by checking their geological map of Gotham City, they can figure out exactly where such soil exists.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Please give me a complete list of the items in BATMAN'S and ROBIN'S UTILITY BELTS. Jerome Myers, Tulsa, Okla.

(We have received a number of letters requesting this same information. Actually, it's not possible to furnish such a list, because BATMAN and ROBIN are continually changing the contents of their UTILITY BELTS, as they devise new gadgets to replace the ones that grow obsolete.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Has a criminal ever placed BATMAN or ROBIN in a situation from which even SUPERMAN couldn't rescue them?

Lester Roche, Syracuse, N. Y.

(That's exactly what does happen in the JUNE issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 110, when BATMAN and SUPERMAN find themselves stymied by "THE ALIEN WHO DOOMED ROBIN."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Who dug the BAT-CAVE? Surely, BATMAN couldn't have done it all by himself. Yet, if he received help, wouldn't that mean other persons might know his secret identity?

Jenny Stahl, Rocky Mount, N. C.

(Nobody had to dig the BAT-CAVE. When Bruce Wayne first decided to become BATMAN, he discovered the natural cave that had always existed under his family home. It was this that he converted into the BAT-CAVE. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

What does ROBIN do if an emergency case arises while he's at school, in his everyday identity of Dick Grayson?

Robert Stonewall, Newport, R. I.

(He simply has to wait for his first opportunity to leave, then establishes contact with BATMAN by BELT-RADIO, and joins him on the case.—Ed.)

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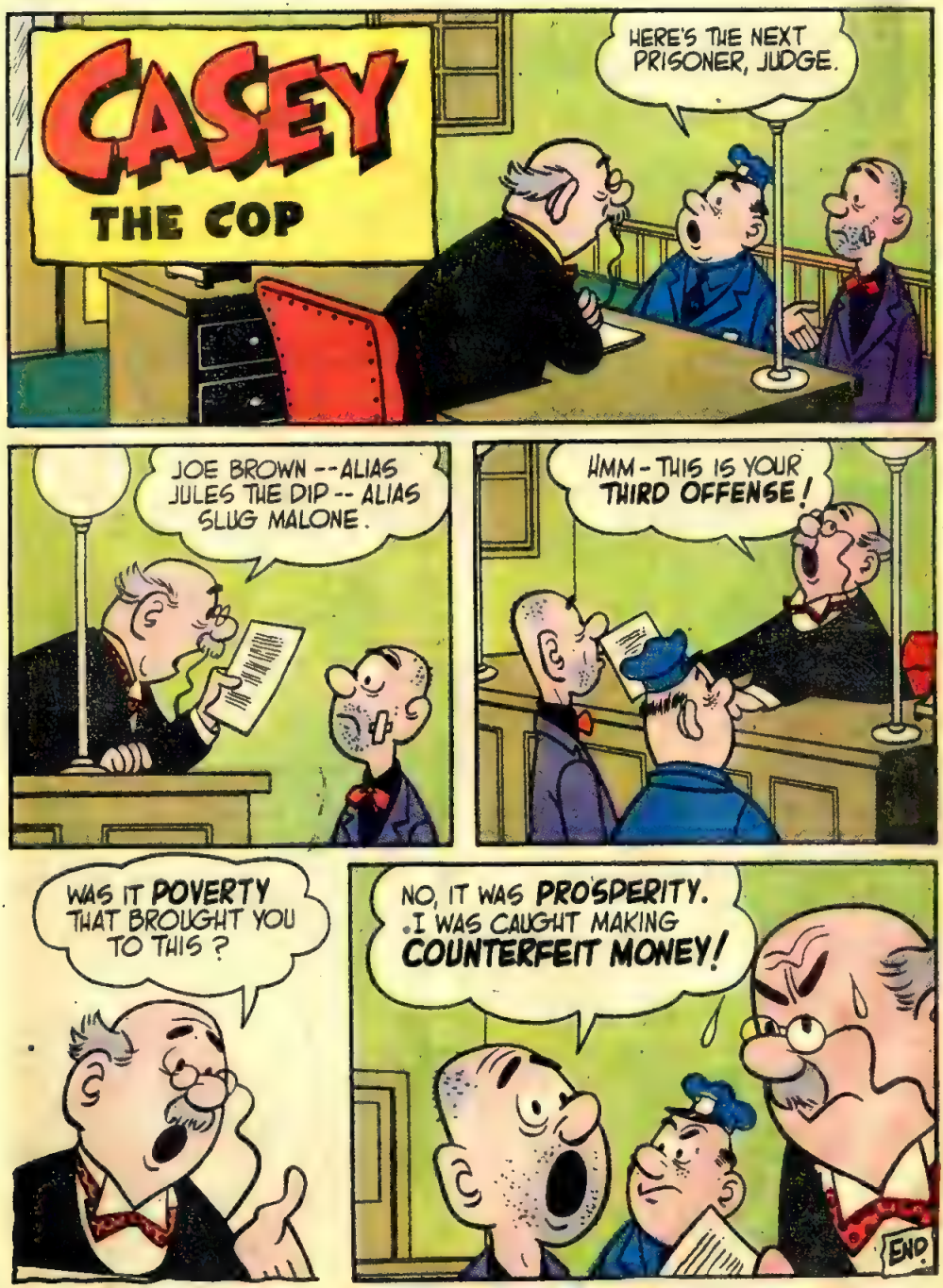
Dear Editor:

SUPERMAN has a robot duplicate of himself, which he sometimes uses against criminals. Does BATMAN also have such a robot?

Thomas Thilgen, Encino, Cal.

(BATMAN certainly does have a robot of himself, which he has used on a number of cases in the past. As a matter of fact, you'll be learning a lot more about this amazing mechanism in the JULY issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 281, featuring the story entitled "BATMAN, ROBOT."—Ed.)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THE COP
HERE'S THE NEXT PRISONER, JUDGE.
JOE BROWN -- ALIAS JULES THE DIP -- ALIAS SLUG MALONE.
HMM - THIS IS YOUR THIRD OFFENSE!
WAS IT POVERTY THAT BROUGHT YOU TO THIS ?
NO, IT WAS PROSPERITY. I WAS CAUGHT MAKING COUNTERFEIT MONEY!
END

BAT MAN
with ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
HE CALLED HIMSELF THE SEA FOX--FOR LIKE HIS COUNTERPART ON LAND, HE, TOO, WAS A WILY RAIDER! BUT UNLIKE THE LAND FOX WHO ROBBED FOR FOOD, HE RAIDED THE SEAS FOR PLUNDER! AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HAD TO SWIM THROUGH TROUBLED WATERS BEFORE THEY FINALLY PICKED UP THE ELUSIVE TRAIL THAT LED TO...
the LAIR of the SEA-FOX
LOOK OUT, ROBIN! THE SEA-FOX IS FIRING HIS SPEAR-GUN AT US!
BOB KANE
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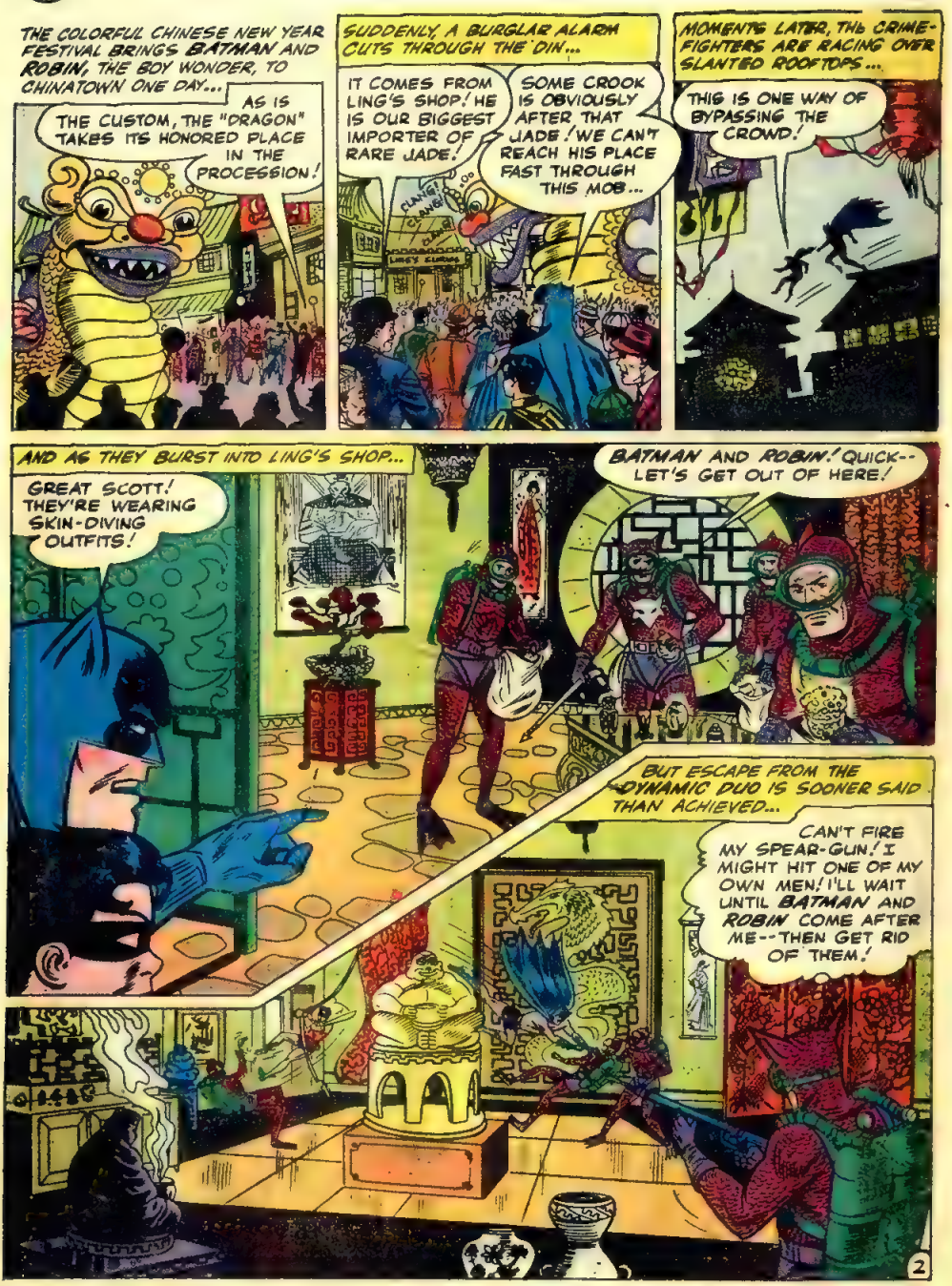
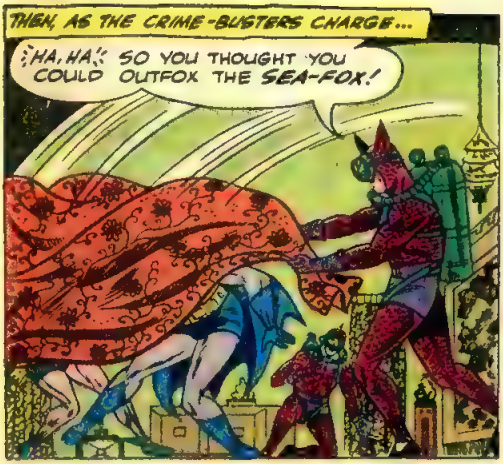
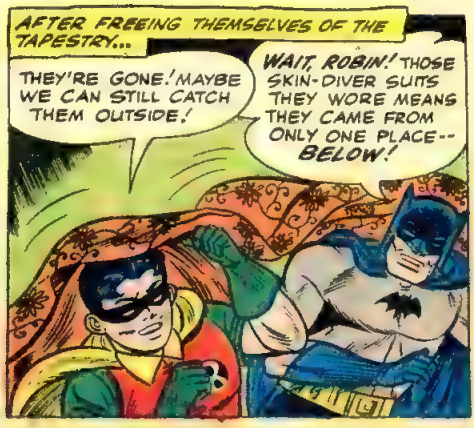
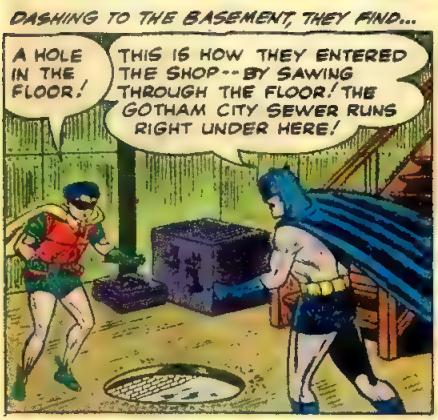
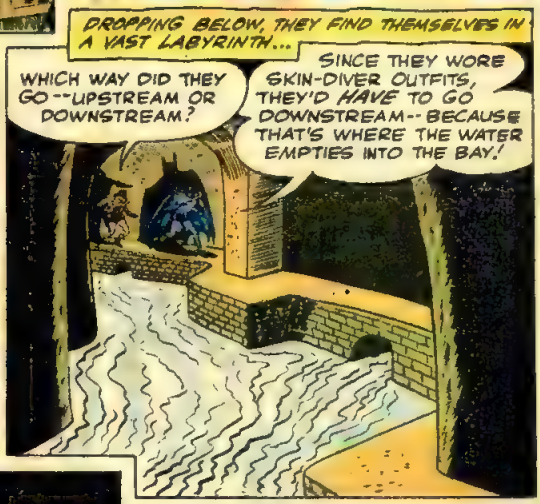
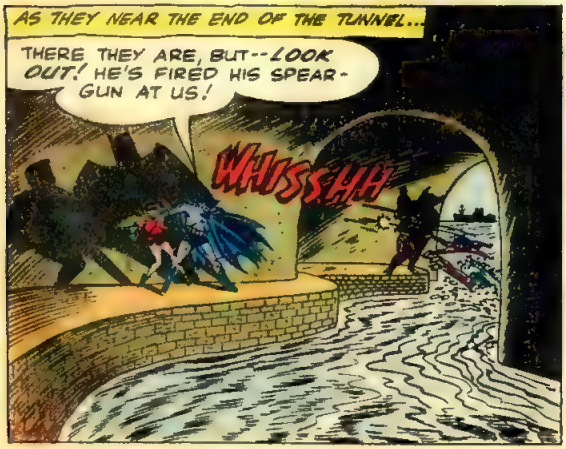

THE COLORFUL CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL BRINGS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, TO CHINATOWN ONE DAY...
AS IS THE CUSTOM, THE "DRAGON" TAKES ITS HONORED PLACE IN THE PROCESSION!
SUDDENLY, A BURGLAR ALARM CUTS THROUGH THE DIN...
IT COMES FROM LING'S SHOP! HE IS OUR BIGGEST IMPORTER OF RARE JADE!
SOME CROOK IS OBVIOUSLY AFTER THAT JADE! WE CAN'T REACH HIS PLACE FAST THROUGH THIS MOB...
CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!
LING'S CURIOS
MOMENTS LATER, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE RACING OVER SLANTED ROOFTOPS...
THIS IS ONE WAY OF BYPASSING THE CROWD!
AND AS THEY BURST INTO LING'S SHOP...
GREAT SCOTT! THEY'RE WEARING SKIN-DIVING OUTFITS!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! QUICK-- LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT ESCAPE FROM THE DYNAMIC DUO IS SOONER SAID THAN ACHIEVED...
CAN'T FIRE MY SPEAR-GUN! I MIGHT HIT ONE OF MY OWN MEN! I'LL WAIT UNTIL BATMAN AND ROBIN COME AFTER ME--THEN GET RID OF THEM!


THEN, AS THE CRIME-BUSTERS CHARGE...
HA, HA! SO YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD OUTFOX THE SEA-FOX!


AFTER FREEING THEMSELVES OF THE TAPESTRY...
THEY'RE GONE! MAYBE WE CAN STILL CATCH THEM OUTSIDE!
WAIT, ROBIN! THOSE SKIN-DIVER SUITS THEY WORE MEANS THEY CAME FROM ONLY ONE PLACE-- BELOW!


DASHING TO THE BASEMENT, THEY FIND...
A HOLE IN THE FLOOR!
THIS IS HOW THEY ENTERED THE SHOP-- BY SAWING THROUGH THE FLOOR! THE GOTHAM CITY SEWER RUNS RIGHT UNDER HERE!


DROPPING BELOW, THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN A VAST LABYRINTH...
WHICH WAY DID THEY GO--UPSTREAM OR DOWNSTREAM?
SINCE THEY WORE SKIN-DIVER OUTFITS, THEY'D HAVE TO GO DOWNSTREAM-- BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE WATER EMPTIES INTO THE BAY!


AS THEY NEAR THE END OF THE TUNNEL...
THERE THEY ARE, BUT--LOOK OUT! HE'S FIRED HIS SPEAR-GUN AT US!
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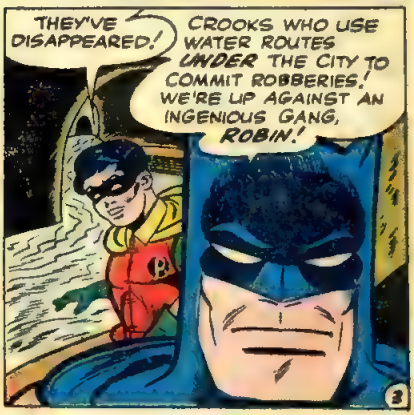
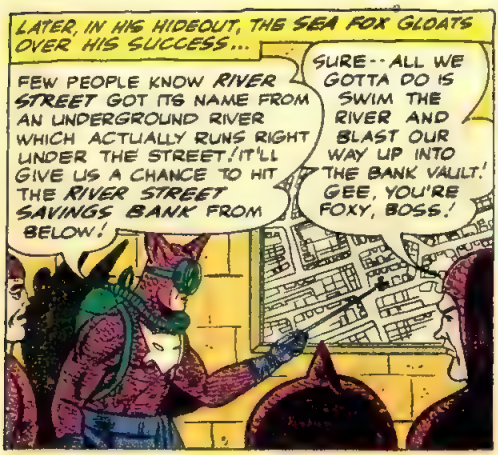
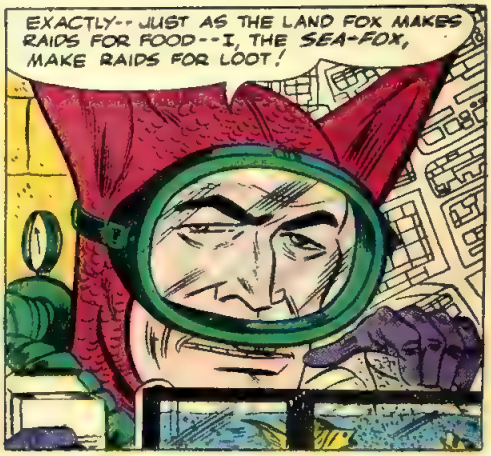
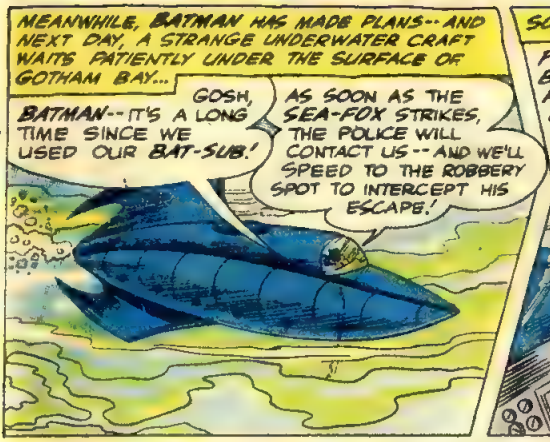
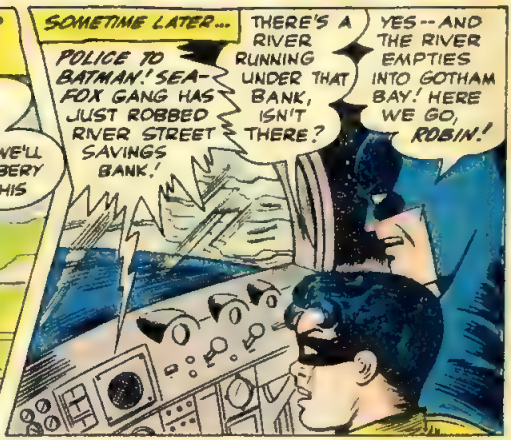
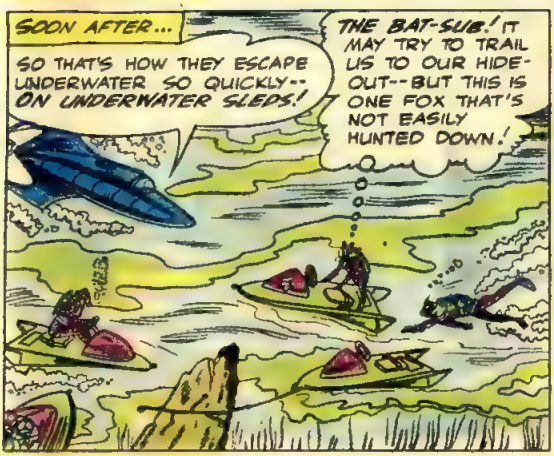

THEY'VE DISAPPEARED!
CROOKS WHO USE WATER ROUTES UNDER THE CITY TO COMMIT ROBBERIES! WE'RE UP AGAINST AN INGENIOUS GANG, ROBIN!


LATER, IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE SEA FOX GLOATS OVER HIS SUCCESS...
FEW PEOPLE KNOW RIVER STREET GOT ITS NAME FROM AN UNDERGROUND RIVER WHICH ACTUALLY RUNS RIGHT UNDER THE STREET! IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCE TO HIT THE RIVER STREET SAVINGS BANK FROM BELOW!
SURE--ALL WE GOTTA DO IS SWIM THE RIVER AND BLAST OUR WAY UP INTO THE BANK VAULT! GEE, YOU'RE FOXY, BOSS!

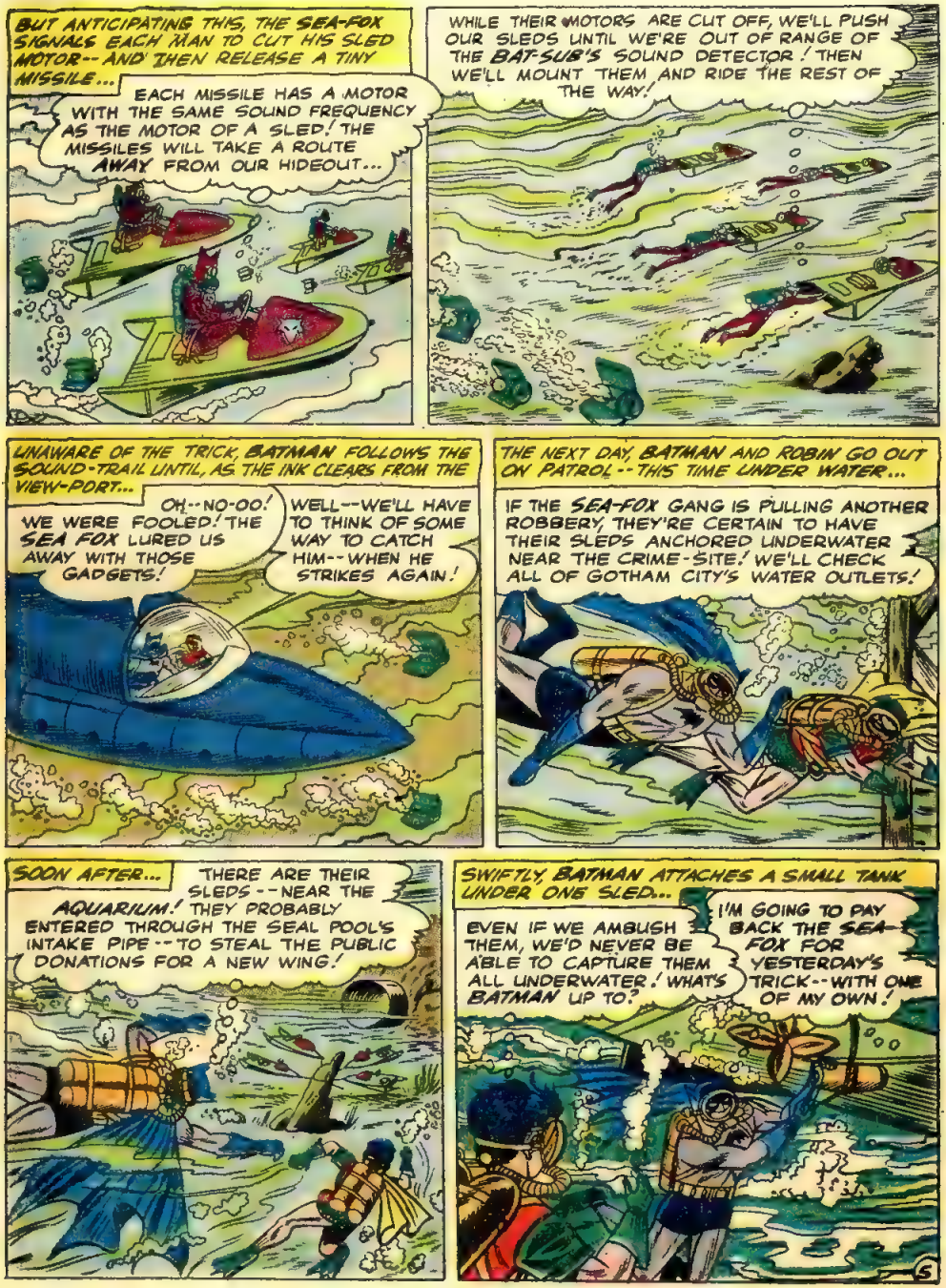

EXACTLY--JUST AS THE LAND FOX MAKES RAIDS FOR FOOD--I, THE SEA-FOX, MAKE RAIDS FOR LOOT!

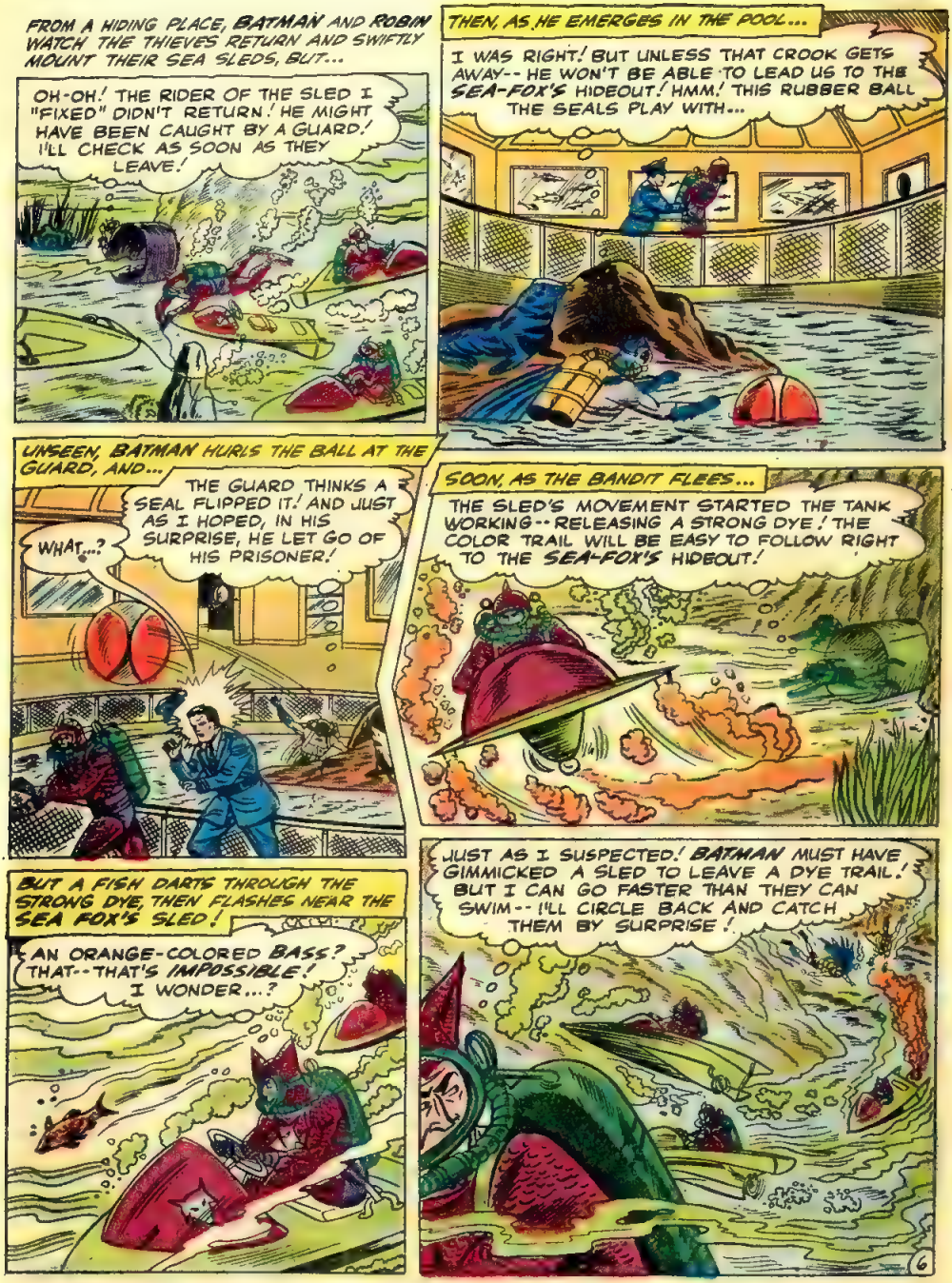

MEANWHILE, BATMAN HAS MADE PLANS--AND NEXT DAY, A STRANGE UNDERWATER CRAFT WAITS PATIENTLY UNDER THE SURFACE OF GOTHAM BAY...
GOSH, BATMAN--IT'S A LONG TIME SINCE WE USED OUR BAT-SUB!
AS SOON AS THE SEA-FOX STRIKES, THE POLICE WILL CONTACT US--AND WE'LL SPEED TO THE ROBBERY SPOT TO INTERCEPT HIS ESCAPE!


SOMETIME LATER...
POLICE TO BATMAN! SEA-FOX GANG HAS JUST ROBBED RIVER STREET SAVINGS BANK!
THERE'S A RIVER RUNNING UNDER THAT BANK, ISN'T THERE?
YES--AND THE RIVER EMPTIES INTO GOTHAM BAY! HERE WE GO, ROBIN!


SOON AFTER...
SO THAT'S HOW THEY ESCAPE UNDERWATER SO QUICKLY--ON UNDERWATER SLEDS!
THE BAT-SUB! IT MAY TRY TO TRAIL US TO OUR HIDE-OUT--BUT THIS IS ONE FOX THAT'S NOT EASILY HUNTED DOWN!

AS THE SEA-FOX PRESSES A BUTTON ON HIS SLED'S CONTROL PANEL...
GREAT SCOTT! HIS SLED SQUIRTED A BLACK FLUID ALL OVER OUR VIEW-PORT! WE CAN'T SEE THE DIRECTION THEY'RE TAKING!
YES WE CAN--WITH THE BAT-SUB'S SOUND-DETECTOR! WE'LL TRAIL THEM BY THE SOUND OF THEIR MOTORS!


BUT ANTICIPATING THIS, THE SEA-FOX SIGNALS EACH MAN TO CUT HIS SLED MOTOR--AND THEN RELEASE A TINY MISSILE...
EACH MISSILE HAS A MOTOR WITH THE SAME SOUND FREQUENCY AS THE MOTOR OF A SLED! THE MISSILES WILL TAKE A ROUTE AWAY FROM OUR HIDEOUT...
WHILE THEIR MOTORS ARE CUT OFF, WE'LL PUSH OUR SLEDS UNTIL WE'RE OUT OF RANGE OF THE BAT-SUB'S SOUND DETECTOR! THEN WE'LL MOUNT THEM AND RIDE THE REST OF THE WAY!
UNAWARE OF THE TRICK, BATMAN FOLLOWS THE SOUND-TRAIL UNTIL, AS THE INK CLEARS FROM THE VIEW-PORT...
OH--NO-OO! WE WERE FOOLED! THE SEA FOX LURED US AWAY WITH THOSE GADGETS!
WELL--WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO CATCH HIM--WHEN HE STRIKES AGAIN!
THE NEXT DAY, BATMAN AND ROBIN GO OUT ON PATROL--THIS TIME UNDER WATER...
IF THE SEA-FOX GANG IS PULLING ANOTHER ROBBERY, THEY'RE CERTAIN TO HAVE THEIR SLEDS ANCHORED UNDERWATER NEAR THE CRIME-SITE! WE'LL CHECK ALL OF GOTHAM CITY'S WATER OUTLETS!
SOON AFTER...
THERE ARE THEIR SLEDS--NEAR THE AQUARIUM! THEY PROBABLY ENTERED THROUGH THE SEAL POOL'S INTAKE PIPE--TO STEAL THE PUBLIC DONATIONS FOR A NEW WING!
SWIFTLY, BATMAN ATTACHES A SMALL TANK UNDER ONE SLED...
EVEN IF WE AMBUSH THEM, WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO CAPTURE THEM ALL UNDERWATER! WHAT'S BATMAN UP TO?
I'M GOING TO PAY BACK THE SEA-FOX FOR YESTERDAY'S TRICK--WITH ONE OF MY OWN!


FROM A HIDING PLACE, BATMAN AND ROBIN WATCH THE THIEVES RETURN AND SWIFTLY MOUNT THEIR SEA SLEDS, BUT...
OH-OH! THE RIDER OF THE SLED I "FIXED" DIDN'T RETURN! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUGHT BY A GUARD! I'LL CHECK AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE!
THEN, AS HE EMERGES IN THE POOL...
I WAS RIGHT! BUT UNLESS THAT CROOK GETS AWAY-- HE WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAD US TO THE SEA-FOX'S HIDEOUT! HMM! THIS RUBBER BALL THE SEALS PLAY WITH...
UNSEEN, BATMAN HURLS THE BALL AT THE GUARD, AND...
WHAT...?
THE GUARD THINKS A SEAL FLIPPED IT! AND JUST AS I HOPED, IN HIS SURPRISE, HE LET GO OF HIS PRISONER!
SOON, AS THE BANDIT FLEES...
THE SLED'S MOVEMENT STARTED THE TANK WORKING-- RELEASING A STRONG DYE! THE COLOR TRAIL WILL BE EASY TO FOLLOW RIGHT TO THE SEA-FOX'S HIDEOUT!
BUT A FISH DARTS THROUGH THE STRONG DYE, THEN FLASHES NEAR THE SEA FOX'S SLED!
AN ORANGE-COLORED BASS? THAT-- THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I WONDER...?
JUST AS I SUSPECTED! BATMAN MUST HAVE GIMMICKED A SLED TO LEAVE A DYE TRAIL! BUT I CAN GO FASTER THAN THEY CAN SWIM-- I'LL CIRCLE BACK AND CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE!
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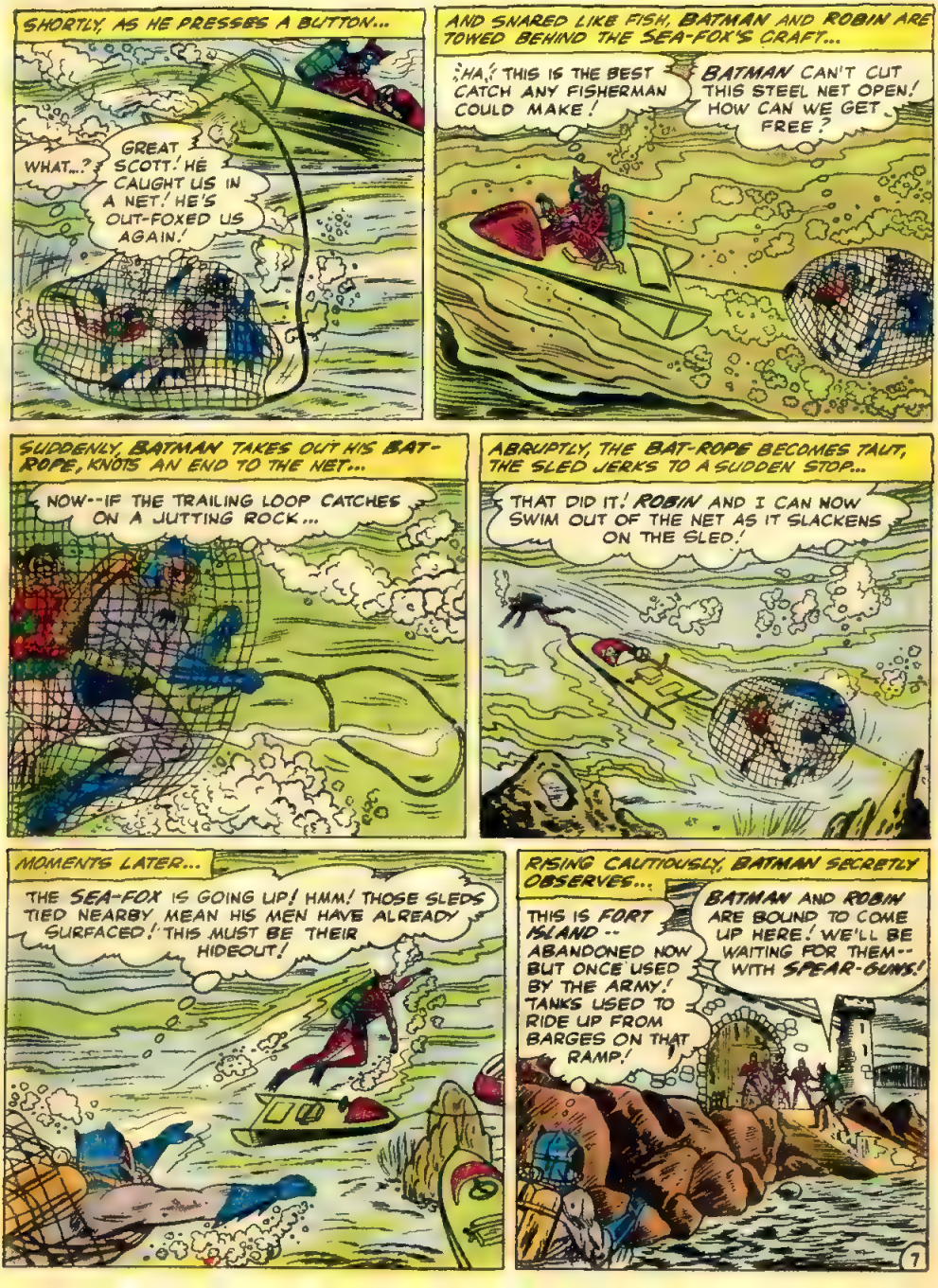
SHORTLY, AS HE PRESSES A BUTTON...
WHAT...?
GREAT SCOTT! HE CAUGHT US IN A NET! HE'S OUT-FOXED US AGAIN!
AND SNARED LIKE FISH, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE TOWED BEHIND THE SEA-FOX'S CRAFT...
HA! THIS IS THE BEST CATCH ANY FISHERMAN COULD MAKE!
BATMAN CAN'T CUT THIS STEEL NET OPEN! HOW CAN WE GET FREE?
SUDDENLY, BATMAN TAKES OUT HIS BAT-ROPE, KNOTS AN END TO THE NET...
NOW--IF THE TRAILING LOOP CATCHES ON A JUTTING ROCK...
ABRUPTLY, THE BAT-ROPE BECOMES TAUT, THE SLED JERKS TO A SUDDEN STOP...
THAT DID IT! ROBIN AND I CAN NOW SWIM OUT OF THE NET AS IT SLACKENS ON THE SLED!
MOMENTS LATER...
THE SEA-FOX IS GOING UP! HMM! THOSE SLEDS TIED NEARBY MEAN HIS MEN HAVE ALREADY SURFACED! THIS MUST BE THEIR HIDEOUT!
RISING CAUTIOUSLY, BATMAN SECRETLY OBSERVES...
THIS IS FORT ISLAND -- ABANDONED NOW BUT ONCE USED BY THE ARMY! TANKS USED TO RIDE UP FROM BARGES ON THAT RAMP!
BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BOUND TO COME UP HERE! WE'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM -- WITH SPEAR-GUNS!

GRIMLY, TENSELY, WITH WEAPONS POISED, THE GANG WAITS TO TRIGGER SUDDEN DEATH...
THEY SHOULD SURFACE ANY SECOND NOW! READY... AIM...
SUDDENLY, A SEA SLED BURSTS FROM THE WATER, AND...
OOF!
WHAT...?
WE'LL WIND THIS CASE UP FAST NOW, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN--I THINK THE FIGHT'S OUT OF THEM!
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AND SOON AFTER...
WELL, YOU FINALLY OUT-FOXED THE SEA-FOX--AND NOW HE'S GOING TO END UP IN A CAGE!
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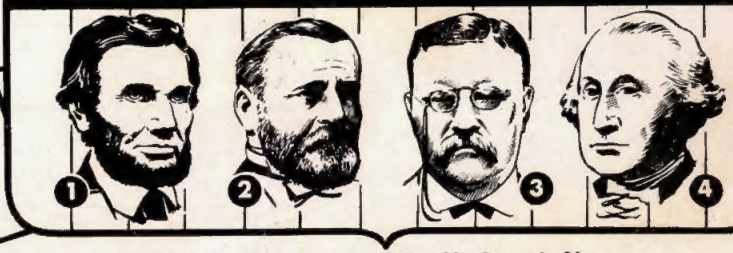

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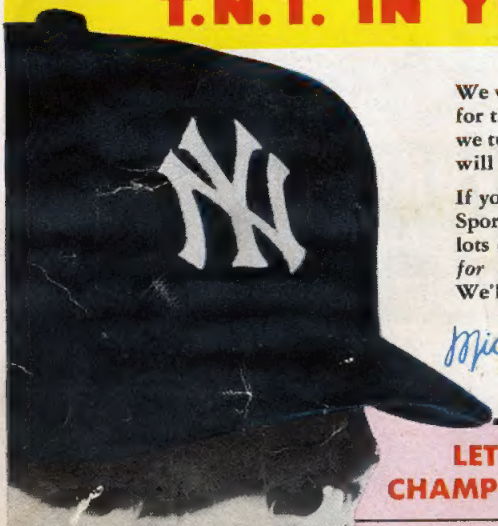

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